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City Directory.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

BLUFF LODGE, No. 186, K. of H.—Meets first and third Thursday night of each month at Tontonia Hall corner Church and Gay St. W. W. Lefkowitz, H. D. Smith, Secy., Reporter.

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PEARL CHAPTER, No. 4, K. A. M.—Stated Convention on first Monday night of each month at Hall in Masonic Temple. S. J. Todd, Secy., W. A. Galbraith, H. P.

COUR DE LION COMMANDERY, No. 9—Stated Convention on second Monday night of each month. Meetings for Divulgers Friday night of each week at Hall in Masonic Temple. S. J. Todd, Secy., H. M. Aiken, H. C.

ZARUD COUNCIL, No. 59, R. and S. M.—Stated Assembly on fourth Monday night of each month at Hall in Masonic Temple. E. M. McCracken, Secy., H. M. Aiken, H. C.

L. O. O. F.

EAST TENNESSEE LODGE, No. 24—Meets Tuesday nights at Odd Fellows Hall, west side, Market Square. D. W. Adams, R. S. W. H. Salmon, Permt. Secy., J. S. Watters, Treasurer.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1878.

THE SOUTHERN METHODIST CONFERENCE ON FRATERNITY.

By reference to our report of the proceedings of the Conference now in session in this city, published in another column, it will be seen that the Conference took action yesterday on the subject of fraternal relations between this body and the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A resolution was presented a few days ago providing for the appointment of fraternal delegates to the Conference of that Church. It was referred to a committee of three. A majority reported in favor of taking no action. A minority report was presented favorable to the appointment of such delegates. The whole matter, after some discussion, was laid upon the table.

Among the distinguished gentlemen who participated in the discussion was Rev. Dr. Wiley the able President of Emory and Henry College, a gentleman for whom we entertain the very highest respect. He gave his reasons for not wishing to fraternize with the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a body. We recognize him as a Christian gentleman, above reproach, and an able theologian, but will not some of his utterances sound strangely to the outside world?

"There are men," he said, in the "Northern Church," with whom he would not shake hands in fraternity. It was very pertinently said by another gentleman, who participated in the discussion, that there are bad men in all churches. Will Dr. Wiley refuse to fraternize with any of the churches until he is convinced there are no bad men in them? If so, we fear he will not fraternize with his sister churches until he passes through the golden gates into the New Jerusalem. He grew almost personal in his remarks, and said some hard things about some gentlemen of the Conference, apparently forgetting the Scriptural injunction about judging. Again, he spoke of this whole fraternity business as a "piece of grand hypocrisy" on the part of the Northern Church. Now it would be wrong to charge Dr. Wiley with sectional prejudice; for, if we are not mistaken, he is, himself, a Northern man by birth.

But, we repeat, what is the outside world to think of such utterances? We are not all theologians like Dr. Wiley, and we take the scores of Scriptural declarations on the subject of charity, charity for all, and especially for the "household of faith," to mean what they say.

Dr. Wiley thinks, perhaps, that he speaks from his own knowledge when he speaks of fraternity on the part of his Methodist brethren of the North as being a "piece of grand hypocrisy," but it is possible that he may be mistaken. "Knowledge puffeth up," we are told, "but charity edifieth." Some of the hardest sayings of the Bible, and which we would not think of applying to Dr. Wiley, are in reference to men who say they love God, and yet hate their brethren.

ren. With his superior knowledge of theological questions, we know that he is able to reconcile his declarations in reference to his sister church, or in reference to ministers of a sister church with the text, "Let all things be done with charity," but we secular people can not understand it.

Now, if Christians, Christian ministers, men whose mission is to preach the Gospel of love to the world, are going to hold each other aloof in that way; refuse to take each other by the hand, is it at all strange that we politicians should quarrel and say bitter things of each other in the heat of political controversy? If Christian Ministers, laboring in a common cause, the cause of salvation to a sinful world, refuse to hold intercourse with each other, are men to blame who proscribe and refuse to trust each other because they belong to different political parties? But whether they are or not, don't let it be done. Let us set these ministers a good example. Let us cultivate fraternity, and though we may be unable to agree in all things, let us be candid and frank with each other and treat each other as men with common interests and a common destiny.

We regret to believe, that sectionalism first manifested itself, with its terribly destructive force, in the Christian churches. We regret that this sectionalism is still apparent, though, we hope and believe, becoming less marked and less malignant. There are still good men—men in whom we have the highest confidence, and who are doing good work in their sphere, who are under the influence of sectional prejudice. Let us hope that their number will grow smaller as the years pass by.

THE MCCRARY LETTER.

In another column we publish a letter from Mr. McCrary, denying that he wrote or signed the letter which appeared in the Knoxville Tribune a few days ago, to the effect that Maj. Pettibone prosecuted him for a violation of the Revenue laws. We showed at the time that Maj. Pettibone was not an officer of the court, and was not in Knoxville when Mr. McCrary was prosecuted, and expressed the opinion that the letter was a forgery, or that he had signed it without a knowledge of its contents. It turns out that we were right about it. Now, we appeal to fair-minded, candid men in the First District to take notice of this matter, as illustrating the "true inwardness" of the opposition to Maj. Pettibone. We understand that Tom Barry, late a deputy Marshal, or a deputy Internal Revenue Collector, furnished the statement by what means he may be able to tell. The editor of the Tribune knows whether he received McCrary's letter from that source or not. There has been some disreputable work done in this matter, and the Tribune ought to expose the guilty parties who imposed upon its editor by furnishing for publication a forged letter.

Every Democratic paper in the First District published it. We will see if any of them have the honesty and the manliness to make a retraction.

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